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BILL NOLAN

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Once in a while, a donation comes into the Heritage Museum that is truly remarkable. That describes the Nolan Collection containing personal photos of Bill Nolan, his family, and enterprises. We want to share them with our readers. There is no biography for him that we could find except a short obituary in the newspaper. To create a bio to accompany the photos, our volunteer, Sheila Nolan (not related to Bill), looked through records on the internet and newspaper stories on microfilm at the Astoria Public Library. The photo above combines the themes that appeared to have been a significant part of his life from a young age to old age, the Navy, and dancing. Bill was a county resident from the 1940s to the 1970s. He had a photography studio on Commercial Street and a dance studio. He directed the Rotary Follies to raise money for good causes; he served in the Navy at Tongue Point, and most surprising of all, he and his wife, Marjorie, played in vaudeville for many years. If anyone has stories to share about Bill Nolan or can identify the people in the photos, please call us at 503-338-4849.

—The Editor

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Promotional photograph of Bill and Marjorie Nolan in military style costume.

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"To know…to inform"

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BILL NOLAN AND MEMBERS OF HIS DANCE CLASS. ARDI URELL (CHAPMAN) SECOND FROM THE LEFT.